

# DERBY – GREAT PLACE, GREAT BASE

## Book a city break in Derby

Derby's inaugural Book Festival to be held May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>

The first ever Derby Book Festival will take place this summer, featuring internationally acclaimed and best-selling authors, and confirming Derby's reputation as a festival city.

The Book Festival, which will be held between May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>, will include a broad range of events and activities aimed at all ages and interests: from a children's book trail, storytelling and 'Make It' sessions; to author talks, discussions, live performances, films and workshops for budding writers.

A celebration of books and the written word, a highlight of the Festival will be bestselling author of *War Horse* and *Private Peaceful*, Michael Morpurgo, who will give a performance of *Only Remembered*: songs, stories and poetry from WW1, with Coope, Boyes and Simpson.

The Festival programme can be found at <http://www.derbybookfestival.co.uk/whats-on/>.

The Festival is organised in partnership with all the major arts and cultural partners in the city. QUAD, Déda, Derby Museum & Art Gallery, Derby LIVE, Derby Theatre, the University of Derby, Derby College, Waterstones, Intu, Marketing Derby and Derby City Council will all be hosting events. Many of the events will be held in the Cathedral Quarter where these arts venues are located.

VisitDerby has made it easy for visitors to stay in the city during the Book Festival, and is offering accommodation in a number of city centre hotels priced from just £20.15 per person per night. For full details, visit <http://www.visitderby.co.uk/stay/>.

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